

# Rule and Policy Making Plan

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# Situation

- Many ARAC Working Groups have reached consensus in their activities. However, here is a multi-year backlog of pending rules resulting from ARAC activity.
- The FAA is asking ARAC to take up new tasks without tying the proposed task to a safety issue and despite the Agency's inability to handle the tasks already assigned
- There have been cases in which specialists override the consensus of the working group.

# Target

- Rule and policy making activity is data driven to
  - significantly reduce accidents
  - address new and novel features or operations
  - be consistent with the Mineta National Civil Aviation Review Commission findings and recommendations

# Proposal

- Declare a 6 month moratorium on most rule/policy making activity.
- During that time:
  - Continue working groups supporting strategy to significantly improve safety or address new/ novel features or airplane operations - e.g.
    - Human factors
    - CFIT / Loss of control
    - Fuel Tanks
    - Noise & Emissions
    - ETOPS/ LROPS
    - Cabin decompression & Air quality (Amendment 87)
    - New technologies or airplane types
    - Engines: Bird Ingestion
    - Critical Part Integrity
  - Perform a review of ARAC processes. Retain the good features but avoid the deficiencies using more of a data driven approach.

# Considerations for FAA Rule and Policy Making Processes

- Revise the tasking process to reflect
  - Data driven prioritization for safety enhancements
  - New / novel features or operation
  - Improved efficiency of the FAA and industry
  - Throughput capability of the FAA rule and policy making process
- Address the current process bottlenecks and streamline them where practical.
- Reprioritize existing ARAC tasking and delay where appropriate.